<u>ŘEMARKS</u>

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated January 29, 1999.

The Examiner stated that the file was not saved in ASCII (DOS) text, as required by the Sequence Rules. In response thereto, the substitute computer readable form disk in ASCII (DOS) text is submitted. In addition, the Examiner stated that sequences 7, 8, 9, 10 contain n's or Xaa's which represented more than one residue. In response, a new sequence listing is submitted. Applicants state that no new matter has been added. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310) 282-2000 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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